

## Interview Summary

Application No.  
**09/251,183**

Applicant(s)  
**Lin**

Examiner  
**Joannie Garcia**

Group Art Unit  
**2823**



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Joannie Garcia

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Date of Interview Feb 21, 2001

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all in general

Identification of prior art discussed:

all relied on

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant argues that the term "passivation layer" is more limited than the interpretation relied on for rejection and may provide evidence to that effect. Applicant argues that the term is limited to a final layer after fine-line metallization. For purposes of rejection the term is seen to be met by an oxide film deposited over a metal layer because such a film would provide passivation of the metal layer. Applicant argues that Yamada discloses metal lines which are only slightly larger in dimension than underlying metal lines. The claims are not limited to particular dimensions but are instead limited to relative dimensions for the metal lines.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.

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